

WARREN VOLUNTARY HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMITTEE

Minutes of February 22, 2011 Meeting

Warren Town Hall, 2nd Floor

7:00 pm

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Attendees: BG (Ret.) Richard J. Valente, Patricia Read, John DaSilva, Eileen Collins, Ed Theberge

Absent: John Sheridan and Chris Fuller

Location: Planning Board Conference Room, Warren Town Hall

1- Call to Order

Chairman Richard J. Valente called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm.

2- Review of Applicants

None

3 - Review of Minutes

a. January 25, 2011 Regular Meeting

Motion to accept the above Minutes as presented made by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by

Mr. Theberge. Motion passed unanimously.

4- Old Business

a. Financial Report

Mr. DaSilva reported that expenses in FY 2010-2011 to date total \$839.88, \$940.12 under budget. He made a motion to pay the secretary \$110 monthly and an additional \$70 for the past seven months. Motion seconded by Ms. Collins and passed unanimously.

b. Status Report

Mr. DaSilva said at this time there is only one open project - that of Mr. Laurent Dallaire, 44 State St., for \$20,000. Mr. Theberge made a motion to accept the status report, seconded by Ms. Collins and passed unanimously.

5- New Business

Ms. Read asked what is the appropriate Town Department to complain to regarding a political sign that has been on the Warren Marina building since fall. Before bringing the matter to the attention of the Building Official, Ms. Collins suggested asking Councilor Catherine Tattrie to ask the building's owner to take it down. The sign is in support of Ms. Tattrie's candidacy.

a. Marketing Suggestions

In response to a request last month from the Chairman, Mr. Theberge and Mr. Sheridan submitted marketing ideas. Mr. Theberge expanded on his suggestion to host a workshop/seminar. However, committee members commented that organizing such an event takes time and that the best time to host a seminar is early spring. Direct Mailing was the other suggestion; Mr. Theberge said a mailing list consisting of owners whose properties are 100 years old and/or older can be run in the Tax Assessor's Office, as well as all properties in the historic district. He will check into the cost of Direct Mailing and get a price from TAP.

After learning there is only one metal sign, Ms. Collins said she would investigate how much to have more made up.

Also discussed was having car magnets made, and hosting a booth at the Quahog Festival.

6- Other

Mr. Theberge, Ms. Collins and Ms. Read reported on a seminar they attended at RWU in conjunction with Adj. Prof. Arnold Robinson's mentoring program.

The revised Comprehensive Plan for the Town of Warren, in particular its treatment of historic preservation, came under discussion. Mr. Theberge said he spoke to a Councilor who said "there wasn't any movement pushing it along." The Committee

voiced concerns that they had not been contacted for input. Gen. Valente suggested sending a letter to the consultant, if there is one. Mr. Da Silva said it is up to the WVHDC to take the initiative.

7- Adjournment

Mr. DaSilva made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Theberge. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.